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SUBJ: SINO-US Talks: Polish Press Charges Collusion Against USSR

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1. An article entitled "Why Do They Want to Talk?" in Feb 16 Warsaw daily Zycie Warszawy, foreign affairs columnist JASZUNSKI makes most explicit charge of Sino-US collusion vs. USSR yet to appear in Polish press. Noting US official reticence and statements the settlement of US relations with China not directed against USSR, he claims that "less official commentaries and articles . . . prove unambiguously that Washington leaders consider talks with China as essential element in anti-Soviet game." Despite Helsinki talks and cultural agreement, US propaganda has recently intensified anti-Soviet action, recalling cold war methods and arguments, claims Jaszunski. Indiscriminate and raving Chinese

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anti-Soviet propaganda, when taken together with reduction anti-US propaganda and agreement to talk in Warsaw, makes it hard (for Jaszunski) "resist impression that . . . Mao, by sending his charge to talk with American Ambassador, is governed . . . by hostility to Soviet Union." This all the more remarkable because "in contrast to U.S., USSR can claim clear record in relations to China" beginning with support of Sun Yat-Sun. Jaszunski notes in conclusion that after 4 months of Sino-Soviet talks, "unfortunately we hear nothing about their progress," and this should be recalled in judging Sino-U.S. talks in Warsaw.

2. Polish press has faithfully reprinted Soviet articles on war hysteria, including Tikhvinski article Feb 17 (refiel) and TASS article on militaristic aims of Chinese economy campaign which carried in most central dailies including Trybuna Ludu Feb 16. Nonetheless editorial treatment in relation to Sino-US talks has been gingerly and has dropped hints of collusion rather than making accusations. Polityka columnist PASSENT suggested on

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Feb 7 on basis "world press" reports that Chinese talking about Taiwan and possible treaty normalizing relations while Americans talking about lesser issues (journalists, salesman, tourists, etc.), but made no mention of war hysteria campaign or alleged anti-Soviet aims. Trybuna Ludu China expert LULIHSKI in long Feb 12 article on war hysteria campaign pressed anti-Soviet pedal hard but limited mention of Sino-US talks to suggestion that campaign "is to provide rationale for mass reprisals, Peking's anti-Soviet policies and resumption of dialogue with U.S." ~~then~~ Jaszunski's explicit linkage of talks with US and Chinese alleged anti-Sovietism ~~and~~ as well as apparent lack of progress in Sino-Soviet talks in Peking ~~may indicate that Poles,~~ ~~is first~~ ~~such commentary to appear in Polish press;~~ whether this represents new line reflecting Moscow reactions or Jaszunski's own interpretation (he is known for anti-US views) remains to be seen.

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